

urgency. His deep knowledge for immigration laws and regulations has truly changed the lives of countless legal residents and naturalized citizens and his exemplary efforts have earned him numerous awards and accolades from Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his memorable career, Woody has never wavered in his commitment to serving his country. While Mr. Olmsted's expertise and experience are sure to be missed, he leaves behind a grateful nation and an excellent example of government service for which to strive. I wish Woody a long, happy and healthy retirement as he begins a new chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING JALEN JOHNSON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Jalen Johnson of Clermont, Florida, on his acceptance to attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, DC, this week.

The People to People Leadership Ambassadors program brings together middle and high school students from over 140 countries and offers unique, hands-on educational experiences that prepare students to assume the mantle of leadership in the future. While in Washington, DC, students will participate in daily educational activities constructed around a leadership development focused curriculum to assist students in identifying and applying their personal leadership style.

To be selected for a People to People World Leadership Forum, Jalen has demonstrated the requirements of academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship. His commitment of his time and dedication to his education and future is outstanding. I wish the best for Jalen as he continues to apply his dedication toward even higher pursuits.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to congratulate Jalen on his acceptance to a People to People World Leadership Forum this summer. May his hard work and steadfastness inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

CITIZENS RAISE AWARENESS OF GENOCIDE THROUGH THE ONE MILLION BONES DEMONSTRATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, residents from across the country participated in the One Million Bones demonstration on the National Mall to raise awareness about the acts of genocide and mass atrocities in Africa and the Middle East. Many of the participants visited with their respective Congressional offices, and I am pleased to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement on behalf of the Virginia constituents who met with staff from my office.

We the House of Representatives resolve that:

In support of the One Million Bones efforts to raise awareness of on-going genocides and mass atrocities in the world today;

Consistent with the UN's having defined genocide as "Any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group, as such: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life, calculated to bring about physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within a group; [and] forcibly transferring children of the group to another group;"

In remembrance of the lives lost in past acts of genocide including the genocides in Nazi Germany, Rwanda, and Sudan in which:

The Holocaust was an act of genocide by Nazi Germany to eradicate Non-Aryan population during World War II in which 11 million people were killed;

The civil war in Rwanda from April 6, 1994, to July 16, 1994, in which acts of genocide were committed by extremist Hutus through the militia, the Interhamawe, and the government army against Tutsis, moderate Hutus, and the Twa in which over 1 million people were killed;

The events in Sudan from 2003 to present have involved acts of genocide by the Muslim Arab Sudanese against the Muslim black Sudanese through the Janjaweed militia and the Sudanese army in which 6 million people were killed before 2003 and since then an additional 400,000 have died.

Resolved that we—

1. view all human beings as equals no matter their nationality, ethnicity, race, or religion;

2. recognize these events as genocide and condemn them as such

3. urge all Members of Congress to condemn those responsible for the acts of genocide from occurring;

4. will continue to work with the One Million Bones project to educate all people on the horrors of genocide and to prevent any future acts of genocide from occurring

5. will take action through available means to prevent future acts of genocide from occurring.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BEACON FOR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program.

BEACON for Adult Literacy is an award-winning non-profit which has proudly served the adult literacy needs of the Northern Virginia community for 20 years. In its first year, BEACON served 30 learners; today BEACON serves over 400 adults a year who are seeking to improve their self-sufficiency and financial security through proficiency in English. Over 4,000 low-income non-native Americans have gained English-language literacy skills over the past two decades.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program:

Joan Appleton-Costanza, Brenda Baldwin, Cathy Banks, Brian Bell, Misha Benjamin, Jada Booth, Jenna Booth, Robert Brown, Martisa Brown, Skip Brown, Cari Carter, Bonnie Cipriano, Bill Cratty, Corinne DeGrazia, Brion Elliott, Jeanne Endrikat, Andy Getachew, Angie Gilbert, Walter Godlewski, Sally Harrison, Henry Hastings, Pat Hodgdon, Sonya Jacobs, Sue Kang-Blosjo, Richard MacIntyre, Gary McCoy, Sheridan McGlothlin, Gary McGuire, Donna McNeally, Patrick McNeally, Bob Mechler, Martha Muirhead, Nancy Nelson, Cheryl Parrish, Ed Prendergast, Molly Rickard, Lianetta Ruettgers, Pat Russell, Rosanne Schubring, Talisha Shine, An Slaubaugh, Armena Springs, Robert Stinson, Gene Strausbaugh, Kelley Studholme, Ruth Thomas, Stephanie Timm, Cornelia Touzinsky, Bill Tyler, Rhonda Vanover, Venkat Viswanathan, Martha Walsh, Anne Walsh, Caroline Wilson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program and in thanking them for their dedication to literacy in our community.

H.R. 1960—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed that I must rise in opposition to H.R. 1960, the FY14 Defense Authorization Act. America's men and women in uniform deserve, and Congress must pass, legislation that provides them with the resources they need to preserve our national security. Unfortunately, this bill does not reflect the range of 21st-Century threats the United States must prepare for, nor does it reflect the urgent fiscal crisis this Congress must address. What this \$638 billion defense bill does reflect, however, are misplaced priorities.

Due to sequestration, Congress has been forced to impose deep cuts to programs all across our Federal government, including many aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and children from economic hardship. Moreover, the across-the-board cuts will have an adverse impact on our military readiness due to the furloughs of critical defense personnel. These misguided fiscal policies have already had a real and severe impact on American families.

With every sector of the government being downsized, it is fundamentally unfair that the bill before us today still authorizes billions of dollars in wasteful Pentagon programs. One prime example of this is the National Guard's ongoing spending spree on World Wide Wrestling and motor sports sponsorships. I offered an amendment to stop this waste of precious taxpayer dollars, but unfortunately, the Majority of House Republicans refused to support it. Authorizing \$54 million on sports sponsorships that have not been proven to work shows that this Congress is addicted to spending that directly benefits special interests like NASCAR.